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FUNDS FOR MISSILES PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Funds for Trishul, Akash not Utilised` appearing in the Statesman dated August 26, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the funds kept for Akash and Trishul surface to air missiles, being developed by DRDO, has not been spent;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to utilise the funds and to ensure that there is no lapse in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Both these projects have encountered certain technology development problems associated with Command Guidance and Integrated Ram Rocket Propulsion System because of which funds have not been utilized fully.

(d) All out efforts are continuing to establish the technologies by 2003 and utilise the funds.